

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the interview on 1/6/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10, 12-19, 21-33 (renumbered as claims 1-22 respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 9/12/05 and 5/4/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Interview Summary

1. On Friday, January 06, 2006, a courtesy call was placed to Pablo Tapia, the attorney of record, in order to expedite the prosecution by suggesting possible amendments to the claims (incorporating a limitation wherein the disaster would correspond to an entertainment area) that would possibly place the application in condition for allowance. The attorney of record agreed to the proposed changes and an Examiner Amendment appears below reiterating these changes and to alleviate potential 112 problems.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Pablo Tapia on January 6, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 10, line 1, delete "the evacuation" and replace with -- an evacuation --.

Claim 10, lines 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 15, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 10, line 5, delete "and more selectively through a cellular telephone,".

Claim 10, line 5, delete "medium" and replace with -- device --.

Cancel claim 11.

Claim 12, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

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Claim 13, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 14, line 2, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 14, lines 2-3, delete ", selectively a cellular phone keypad." And replace with -- . --.

Claim 15, line 1, delete "the input" and replace with -- an input --.

Claim 15, line 2, delete "the cellular telephone" and replace with -- a cellular telephone --.

Claim 15, lines 2 and 3, delete "disaster areas" and replace with -- entertainment areas --.

Claim 16, line 2, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 17, lines 2 and 3, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 18, line 2, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 19, line 1, delete "the evacuation" and replace with -- an evacuation --.

Claim 19, lines 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16 and 17, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 19, line 5, delete "and more selectively through a cellular telephone,".

Claim 19, line 5, delete "medium" and replace with -- device --.

Cancel claim 20.

Claim 21, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 22, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 23, line 2, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 24, line 1, delete "the evacuation" and replace with -- an evacuation --.

Claim 24, lines 2, 4, 6, 8, 9-10, 12 and 14, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 24, line 5, delete "and more selectively through a cellular telephone,".

Claim 24, line 5, delete "medium" and replace with -- device --.

Claim 25, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 26, delete "the first location" and replace with -- the entertainment area --.

Claim 26, delete ", an entertainment area".

Claim 27, line 1, delete "the evacuation" and replace with -- an evacuation --.

Claim 27, lines 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16 and 17, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 27, line 5, delete "and more selectively through a cellular telephone,".

Claim 27, line 5, delete "medium" and replace with -- device --.

Claim 28, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 29, delete "the first location" and replace with -- the entertainment area --.

Claim 29, delete ", an entertainment area".

Claim 30, line 1, delete "the evacuation" and replace with -- an evacuation --.

Claim 30, lines 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 30, line 5, delete "and more selectively through a cellular telephone,".

Claim 30, line 5, delete "medium" and replace with -- device --.

Claim 31, line 1, delete "the evacuation" and replace with -- an evacuation --.

Claim 31, lines 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 16, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 31, line 5, delete "and more selectively through a cellular telephone,".

Claim 31, line 5, delete "medium" and replace with -- device --.

Claim 32, line 1, delete "the evacuation" and replace with -- an evacuation --.

Claim 32, lines 2, 6, 8, 10 and 12, delete "disaster area" and replace with -- entertainment area --.

Claim 32, delete lines 2-3 and replace with -- informing multiple persons located at the entertainment area about the evacuation through a wireless device --.

Claim 33, line 1, delete "the evacuation" and replace with -- an evacuation --.

Claim 33, line 2, delete "a location area" and replace with -- the entertainment area --.

Claim 33, lines 4, 6, 8, 9-10, 12 and 14, delete "first location" and replace with -- the entertainment area --.

Claim 33, line 5, delete "and more selectively through a cellular telephone,".

Claim 33, line 5, delete "medium" and replace with -- device --.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 10, 12-19 and 21-33 are allowed.

As per claims 10, 12-19 and 21-33, specifically independent claims 10, 19, 24, 27, 30, 31, 32 and 33, the prior art of record fails to teach a reservation system for allowing multiple persons at an entertainment area, in other words, a theme or

amusement park, to schedule a time in which they may evacuate from a location within the park utilizing a reservation system, wherein the persons communicate wirelessly with a central computer which allocates available times to the persons. The central computer determines available departure times and relays this information back to the persons so that the persons will know when they can depart from the park, the departure occurring in response to a disaster or crisis occurring at a disaster area at the park's location, in combination with the other claimed features and or limitations as claimed by the claimed invention.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronald D. Hartman Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3684. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 11:00 - 8:30 pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Knight can be reached on (571) 272-3687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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